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SUBJECTJC DISPLEASURE OVER ESTABLISHMENT OF PETROLEUM CORPORATION
IN ATHENS

1. CONSERVATIVE NATIONALIST CHIEF EDITOR OF "ELLINIKOS
VORRAS", ELIAS KYROU, IN HIS WEEKLY COLUMN "OUR OPINION"
JULY 6 CASTIGATED RECENT DECISION OF GOG TO ESTABLISH
PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION IN ATHENS.

TERMING ATHENS "SINFUL, ARROGANT AND DEMANDING" KYROU
CHARGED THAT DECISION WOULD MAKE "PARASITES FATTER AND FATTER".
EARLIER, NORTHERN GREEKS HAD BEEN ASSURED BY GOG THAT
CORPORATION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN KAVALA, HE ALLEGED,
AND EVENTUALLY IT WILL BE FORCED TO MOVE ITS SEAT THERE,
NEAR PRODUCTION SOURCES. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, DEPUTIES
FROM NORTH SHOULD FEEL SENSE OF GUILT OVER NOT
HAVING
"FOILED MACHINATIONS OF SOUTHERN POLITICIANS".

2. COMMENTS: CONSIDERABLE HEAD OF STEAM HAS BUILT UP LOCALLY
OVER ISSUE. "VORRAS" PIECE FOLLOWS SOME LESS VITUPERATIVE
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BUT HIGHLY CRITICAL SIMILAR ITEMS IN "MAKEDONIA" AND "THESSALOMIKI".

YOUNG ND DEPUTY GEORGE TSITZICOSTAS SPOKE HEATZDLY TO US
ABOUT ISSUE AT JULY FOURTH RECEPTION, ALLEGING THAT CHAIRMAN
OF HIS COMMITTEE (COOGDINATION) KHAD RAMMED DECISION THROUGH WITHOUT
VOTE OVER HIS PROTESTS. TZITZI COSTAS ADDED THAT YOUNGER
DEPUTIES GENERALLY, BUT ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM NORTH, INCREASINGLY
INCENSED OVER WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS HIGH-HANDED TACTICS
OF ELDER ND LEADERS.
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